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Incident Type: Building Fire

Address: 302 Cartier Street

Dispatch: 06:32

Under Control: 08:02

Resources: 1st Alarm: E6, E11, E2, E5, E10, T7, T1, R1, Car1 2nd Alarm: E7, E9, T6, ALS 2 3rd Alarm: E3, E8, AIR1

Description of Incident: Companies were dispatched to a reported building fire at 302 Cartier Street, a 2 story, three family residence on the city's west side. Engine 6 was the first crew to arrive, at 06:34, and reported heavy fire from the second story and attic. A line was quickly stretched to the second floor. As crews attempted to extinguish the flames, several residents who had evacuated the building made re-entry into the building in an attempt to retrieve their pets. Engine 6 reported trapped residents on the first floor and had to assist them out of the building. A second alarm was struck at 06:38. High winds fanned flames to the extent that all personnel were ordered out of the building and defensive tactics were used to fight the fire. A third alarm was struck at 07:05. Crews were hampered by wind, precipitation and cold temperatures throughout the incident which was brought under control at 08:02. Three residents were brought to the Catholic Medical Center for smoke exposure. Seven residents were displaced by the blaze and Red Cross was called in to assist. The Holy Family Academy's gymnasium was used to shelter residents and warm fire crew. Four pets were located and rescued from the building. A neighboring building sustained minor damage from exposure to the flames. The building's second floor and attic are a total loss with damage estimated at over \$200,000. The cause of the fire is classified as accidental and still under investigation.

Civilian Injuries: Three treated and released for smoke exposure.

Emergency Service Injuries: N/A

Special Circumstances: Weather Related: Snow, Ice, Wind, Rain, Cold Temperatures

Fire Cause: Accidental – Active Investigation

Estimated Dollar Loss: Over \$200,000.

Incident Commander: District Chief Jon Starr

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